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The Petition of the LORDS Spiritual and Temporal
For the Calling of a Free
PARLIAMENT:

Together, With His
Majesty's Gracious Answer to their Lordships.

To the KING's most Excellent Majesty,
The Humble Petition of the LORDS Spiritual and Temporal,
Whose Names are Subscribed.

May it please Your Majesty,

WE your Majesty's most Loyal Subjects, in a deep Sense of the Miseries of a War now breaking forth in the Bowels of this your Kingdom, and of the Danger to which your Majesty's Sacred Person is thereby like to be Exposed, and also of the Distractions of your People, by reason of their present Grievances, do think our selves bound in Conscience of the Duty we owe to God, and our Holy Religion, to your Majesty, and our Country, most humbly to offer to your Majesty, That in our Opinion, the only visible way to preserve your Majesty, and this your Kingdom, would be the Calling of a Parliament, Regular and Free in all its Circumstances.

We therefore do most earnestly beseech your Majesty, That you would be graciously pleased with all speed to Call such a Parliament, wherein we shall be most ready to promote such Counsels and Resolutions of Peace and Settlement in Church and State, as may conduce to your Majesty's Honour and Safety, and to the quieting the Minds of your People.

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And your Petitioners shall ever Pray, &c.

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Dorset.
Clare.*

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Burlington.
Anglesey.
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Newport.*

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Tho. Petriburg.*

*Tho. Oxon.
Paget.
Chandois.
Osulston.*

Presented by the Arch-Bishop of Canterbury, the Arch-Bishop of York Elect, the Bishop of Ely, and the Bishop of Rochester, the 17th. of November. 1688.

His Majesty's most Gracious Answer.

MY LORDS,

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